developmental and non-developmental expenditure on salaries, allowances and perquisites to staff of the Central Government of India like housing, transport etc. to the total expenditure during the year 1992-93.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): During the year 1992-93, the proportion of expenditure on pay and allowances to the total expenditure both, developmental and non-developmental was 10.40 per cent. Expenditure on salaries of Central Government staff employed on developmental and non-developmental activities is not separately maintained.

Salary of officers of Punjab & Sind Bank

3754. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the date of fixation of salary of Bank Officers/Managers was 1st February, 1984, according to I.B.A./Government of India orders, which were implemented in the year 1986;

(b) whether Punjab and Sind Bank has given equal benefit as per circular No. 1554 which is in line with IBA/Government of India orders referred in part (a) above;

(c) whether it is a fact that a circular No. 1572 was issued by Punjab and Sind Bank in which the date of fixation of salary of Officers/Managers is 31st January, 1984; and

(d) if so, whether the due benefits were extended to officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Punjab & Sind Bank in Annexure 'A' to its Circular No. 1536 advised that every officer who is governed by the scale of pay as in force as on 31-1-84, shall be fitted in the scale of pay set-out in Regulation 4 of PSB (O) SR-1982 as on 1-2-84 on a stage to stage basis.

However, while issuing Staff Circular No. 1554 the date of corresponding stage in the old basic pay was erroneously mentioned as 1-2-84 instead of 31-1-84. This was corrected vide Staff Circular No. 1572 and the basic pay of officers in force as on 31-1-84 was fitted in the revised scales of pay as on 1-2-84. No where it was stated that the date of fitment of salary of Officers/Managers is 31-1-84.

(d) The benefits of revised pay scales were extended to officers in line with IBA/Government guidelines.

Dealing Centres and Dealers of SBI

3755. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Bank of India is considering to close down the Dealing Centres at Bombay, Madras and New Delhi overseas branches and to abolish the posts of dealers by replacing them with "Rate Centres" and "Rate Officers";

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) why the posts of Dealers are being used at SBI Bombay, New Delhi and Madras overseas branches to quote Rates to the customers when Rates Officers can do the same work; and

(d) whether SBI is planning to decentralise dealing and cover operations from Calcutta as they have opened Dealing Centres at Bombay, Madras and New Delhi Overseas Branches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) State Bank of India (SBI) have reported that there is no proposal at present to closed down the dealing centres at Bombay, Madras and New Delhi overseas branches and to abolish the posts of dealers.

(b) and (c) The posting of dealers at overseas branches at New Delhi, Bombay and Madras has been made keeping in view the best interests of the bank and also to provide an effective and quick feed back to the management.

(d) There is no move at present on the part of SBI to decentralise the forex dealing and cover operations, which continue

to be centralised at foreign Department, Calcutta.

Shifting of Inspection and Audit Department of SBI

3756. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that SBI had shifted their Inspection and Audit Deptt. from Bombay to Hyderabad in 1987;

(b) if so, whether SBI is also considering to shift Rupee Travellers Cheque work, Inter Branch Reconciliation work, etc. from Bombay to Calcutta as they have been taken away from Calcutta to Bombay earlier; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal. Other Reconciliation Departments of State Bank of India are located in Mumbai. It is essential from the point of administrative convenience that these reconciliation departments are located in Mumbai where their corporate office is also situated.

OBC Loan for Hotel at Shimla

3757. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oriental Bank of Commerce, Shimla Branch advanced a loan of Rs. 44 lakh to construct a Hotel-*cum*-Business complex at A-Block, Cambermere Estate, Shimla;

(b) if so, what is the rate of interest charged on the loan ;

(c) whether any concession in interest was given; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of interest posted in the above loan account since its sanction; and

(e) whether the loan was not utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned; if not, how it was utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (e) In accodance with the practices and usages customary among banks and in conformity with provisions of statutes governing public sector banks, information relating to individual constituents of the banks cannot be divulged.

Closure of Zonal Office of United Bank of India at Guwahati

3758. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Management of the United Bank of India has decided to close down the existing zonal office of the Bank for the North Eastern Region at Guwahati ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and how the Bank propose to supervise, co-ordinate and control the Bank branches in the North Eastern Region; and

(c) whether Government will scrap this decision in the interest of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) United Bank of India have reported that they have decided to switch over to a three-tier organisation structure by abolishing all the eight zonal offices. This restructuring plan is a part of the agreement signed with the Reserve Bank of India. Under the new set-up, the branches will be controlled by Regional Offices, as before. The restructuring has been made effective from 16th March, 1994.

However, the Zonal Office at Guwahati has not been abolished and the bank is presently re-examining the issue. Meanwhile, powers delegated to the Regional Managers have been substantially increased and the new set-up is expected to facilitate faster decision making and greater customer satisfaction.

World Bank credit to IDBI for Industrial Pollution Control Schemes

3759. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN :
SHRI M. A. BABY :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of total World Bank Line of Credit available in US $